

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NOTIFICATION ON AN ELECTRONIC HANDHELD  
DEVICE USING AN ATTENTION MANAGER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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A method and system for notification in a palm-sized  
computer system. Specifically, in one embodiment of the  
present invention, an Attention Manager manages application  
demand for a user's attention. The Attention Manager  
receives multiple attention requests from varying  
applications. With each new attention request received that  
indicates a record needs a user's attention, the Attention  
Manager stores the request in memory and determines if there  
are other outstanding attention requests that have not been  
cleared. Depending on the number of outstanding requests,  
the Attention Manager sends a request for record information  
in list or detail format. If there are multiple outstanding  
attention requests, the Attention Manger displays a  
notification dialog in a list format. If there is only one  
outstanding attention request, the Attention Manager displays  
the notification dialog in detail format. Additionally, a  
simple user interface to navigate to the application and  
record entry requiring attention is provided.

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